

MODIFIED SEAMEN'S ACT IS ADVOCATED

Department of Commerce Advised Two Pacific Lines Will Give Up American Registry.

Modifications of the La Follette seamen's act to prevent the threatened withdrawal of ships from American registry will be urged at the next session of Congress by the Department of Commerce, officials of that department indicate.

The department has been advised that the Robert Dollar line and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company line will give up American registry before the bill becomes operative. Both lines object to the provisions of the law requiring that the crews must be able to command of officers.

The Pacific steamships employ Chinese seamen, the owners of the lines under the American flag declare they could not employ American or English crews and compete with other lines. No withdrawal of Atlantic ocean lines from the American flag is expected by the department, as the element of Chinese competition does not enter there.

The opinion of Attorney General Gregory interpreting the seamen's act is expected to go to the President this week. President Wilson submitted the matter to the Attorney General after Solicitor Thurman, of the Department of Commerce, held that the law applied only to the United States, Russia, Italy, and Greece, and that other maritime nations with which American ships came into competition were exempt because their laws approximated those of the United States.

If the Attorney General sustains this view, Department of Commerce officials point out, it would be apparent that there would be discrimination against American ship owners.

Burleson Denies He Will Seat in the Senate

Attorney General Burleson announced that he will not resign from his post to enter the Senatorial contest in Texas. He says he will remain at his desk until the end of the Administration. Latest advices reaching Washington from Texas state that Senator Culberson has regained his health and may be a candidate for re-election. There are seven candidates already in the field, including Congressman Robert L. Henry.

THAW CALLS LAWYER WHO SUE HIM CRAZY

Service of Judgment, for \$50 for Legal Opinion Excites Prisoner.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Another lawyer got after Harry Thaw yesterday for money for legal services. William Riley, a Westchester attorney, who recently got a judgment against Thaw for \$50, had a deputy sheriff serve Thaw with the papers in the Ludlow street jail.

Thaw had just got outdoors to play handball. The deputy who served him says he appeared excited and pale. As he took the papers Thaw exclaimed: "Why, the fellow's crazy!"

Attached to the papers was a copy of a letter written by Thaw in August, 1914, according to Mr. Riley. This was addressed to Riley and read:

"My dear sir—Thomas Carmody, attorney general of New York, saw fit to make public in a statement to the press June 12, 1914, almost two months before Judge Aldrich's decision in my habeas corpus case, the following accusation reflecting on the decision: 'Life is at liberty because his money has triumphed thus far over law.' Therefore I take the liberty of annexing herewith a complete copy of Judge Aldrich's opinion (index) in order that you, as a lawyer, may decide for yourself whether Thomas Carmody's accusation against the court is justified. I shall appreciate any opinion you care to express. Yours very truly,

"HARRY K. THAW."

Locusts Predict Peace, "P." Not "W." on Wings

SANDUSKY, Ohio, July 4.—That warfare is to give way to peace is the message the locust brings.

Each year, according to students of entomology, scores of whom are arriving daily at the Ohio State University's summer laboratory on the Cedar Point peninsula, the locust bears a forecast on its wings.

Two years ago the prediction of war was based upon the letter "W." Beginners among the students at the laboratory scoffed at the idea that a mere bug could advise in advance of warfare, and merriment was quietly indulged in at the expense of those who gravely shook their heads as they contended to the contrary.

The wings of the 1914 locust were marked with a "W." Laboratory students this year, their interest aroused by experience, awaited the coming of the first 1915 locust. The 1915 locust came. It was captured and examined. On its wings the letter "P." standing for "peace," was clearly outlined.

COWBOY VIRTUOSO 'ROUSES UP' Y. M. C. A.

"Happened In" to Kansas City and Hits Piano Until Tears Come to Audience.

KANSAS CITY, July 4.—The rollicking chorus of "Tipperary" melted miraculously into the plaintive tones of the "Miserere" as a group of more than twenty men stood about the piano in the Y. M. C. A. building and watched a pair of gnarled hands pass over the keys with a sure touch. Snatches from ragtime and the swing of the old Western dance hall.

A high-heeled boot kept time to the flying fingers; two big shoulders rolled from side to side beneath a faded red flannel shirt, and a wide brimmed, leather banded sombrero bobbed upward and downward as the weaver charmed melodies from the instrument. A kindly face, of which a big mustache was the striking feature, was the final touch of the incongruity in the player's make-up.

The man, nearing sixty, was introduced as "Dad" Frazier. He walked painfully into the Y. M. C. A., having walked, bystanders were told, from Olathe since morning. He was very tired, and sank into a chair without speaking to any one. Presently he got up and went over to the piano. He started playing. Guests of the building, who had taken an interest in the picturesque costume rather than in the wearer, moved closer for another view.

For hours the man played without tiring. Asked where he had learned his music, he replied: "On a ranch in Arizona."

E. Oakes Brown, a guest at the Y. M. C. A., said that he had known Frazier as "William Francis Frazier" about the musical circles of Boston and New York. He said Frazier at one time was a widely known pianist. He spent ten years in Arizona and Texas, according to Brown, "punching cattle" near Plainfield, Tex., and for the famous ranch of Mrs. Kingsley, at Kingsleyville, Tex.

U. S. to Teach Prisoners.

To equip prisoners at the military disciplinary barracks at Alcatraz Island so that they may earn a living after serving their terms, the War Department has adopted a system of vocational training. Twenty-four trades will be taught the men.

Collegiate Club Plans Excursion on August 12

An excursion to Marshall Hall, August 12, is being planned by the Collegiate Club. The club also has arranged for a series of weekly Ladies' Nights to be held on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. The committee in charge, Selig C. Bree, Jr., Jacques Spiegelblatt and William Hazen, made announcement to this effect following the reception tendered the Collegiate Club players on the clubhouse lawn Friday night, when 200 guests called to congratulate them on their recent production at the playhouse.

In the receiving line were Miss Nelly Cohen, Maurice Shefferman, Miss Elsie Schwartz, J. Feldman, Miss Ruth Schwartz, Sol S. Glueck, John Huppa, D. Wiest, general manager, and Edward M. Schwartz, who made the presentations.

Alexander Grant Leaves U. S. Service for Railway

Alexander Grant, superintendent of the third division of the railway mail service in Washington, has resigned from the Postoffice Department after thirty years of service to become superintendent of mail transportation of the Southern railway.

Mr. Grant has served in many capacities in the railway mail service, having been superintendent and assistant superintendent, besides serving in many districts. He is thoroughly familiar with all of the problems of mail transportation, and in accepting his resignation, Postmaster General Burleson expressed his regret and appreciation of Mr. Grant's service to the Government.

Fair and Carnival Begins At Libby Park Tomorrow

Libby Park, Illinois avenue and Upshur streets, Petworth, will be the scene of a monster country fair and carnival, beginning tomorrow and continuing July 6 and 7. Three night performances will be given, with a matinee tomorrow afternoon.

Local talent, which includes men from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, will carry out a program of circus stunts. Lemonade, peanuts, popcorn, and all the other accessories of a big show will be on hand. W. C. O'Neal is in charge of the carnival. The proceeds will be used toward fitting the new Methodist Church of Petworth with recreational features.

Flowers For All Occasions. Whenever you want choice flowers you can get the best at Gude's, 1214 F. Adv.

COAL RAILROADS WIN ANTI-TRUST LAWSUIT

Court Refuses to Divorce Central Railway From Subsidiary Corporations.

PHILADELPHIA, July 4.—The United States court for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania has decided today that the Reading group of corporations, the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and subsidiary and allied companies, are not leagued together in an unlawful combination and therefore do not unduly restrain commerce in the production, sale or transportation of anthracite coal.

The Federal government, which brought the suit nearly two years ago, to dismember the alleged combination into separate units and to nullify certain agreements and leases, wins a point in that the court suggested that the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company be divorced from the Jersey Central Railroad.

As the subject of this particular separation was not argued in the trial of the case, the court suggested it for the consideration of counsel when the scope of the decree comes to be determined. The Reading ownership of the Jersey Central Railroad is not disturbed.

Receiver Is Named for Des Moines Railway Co.

DES MOINES, Iowa, July 4.—Federal Judge Wade named E. G. Schmidt receiver for the Des Moines City Railway Company today because the company defaulted in payment of interest on over \$2,000,000 bonds. Schmidt is the present manager of the company, and the action will stop the enforcement of State laws ordering the company to remove its tracks.

LOCAL MENTION.

Consultation and Estimates Furnished without cost. Dr. Vaughan's Dental Office, 307 7th st. N. W.

Chas. Chaplin. Daily, Virginia, 608 9 st. Phone Main 5260 And put your Want Ad in The Evening Times.

Ladies' Night Thursday At National Press Club

Next Thursday night will be ladies' night at the National Press Club, and a symposium of music will be given on the roof garden. The feature will be a double sextet of some of Washington's best known vocalists, and the numbers include the sextet from "Lucia," the quartet from "Rigoletto," the male octet, the "Recessional," and a number of trios, duets, and solos, in light and classic airs.

R. P. Andrews Celebrates Birthday in Menosha, Wis.

R. P. Andrews, president of the Retail Merchants' Association is in Menosha, Wis., where he is today celebrating his birthday anniversary in conjunction with that of George A. Whiting, of Menosha, one of the oldest paper manufacturers in the United States.

Mr. Andrews was accompanied on the trip by South Trimble, clerk of the house and Jerry South, chief clerk. Ten days will be passed in fishing in the lakes of the Badger State. Mr. Andrews will return to Washington about July 15.

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RETAIL MERCHANTS REPORT PROGRESS

Credit Information Bureau Has Over 23,000 Names—Number Increased Monthly.

Progress of a marked degree in many of the departments of the organization is shown in the June monthly report of the Retail Merchants' Association.

The report calls attention to the fact that after about a year's work, the association's credit information bureau has over 23,000 names in the credit department, and these are being added to at the rate of from 1,000 to 2,000 every month. It is expected that through the activities of the credit men's section, which holds bi-monthly luncheon meetings at the Raleigh, this average will be greatly increased.

President R. P. Andrews has issued a call for the quarterly meeting of the association to be held at the Raleigh July 29. Committees representing home trade and "Buy in and Boost for Washington" movement will make reports at this meeting. Every element of business in Washington will be represented.

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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Oklahoma Oil Company, Union Trust Bldg., Washn., D. C.

Got oil sand Lyne well 1710 to 1730 feet looks like make good well. Will shoot it as soon as arrangements can be made. Well in section 32 drilling at 1550 feet should reach oil sand soon. The two wells in section fourteen on eighty acre lease flowing good. Well on Gillispie lease increasing in its production.

M. M. JACKSON.

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One week ago Friday we brought in a 600-barrel gusher on an 80-acre lease in Section 14 in the Boynton Oil Pool. This is a "proven" lease with one other well making 100 barrels daily (six months old) on it. We own one-quarter interest in this lease and hold mortgage on another one-quarter interest in it. This lease is equipped with tankage and the oil brings 40c per barrel at the well. The 600-barrel well is offset by three big wells, all within 500 feet, and when shot will probably yield from 1,000 to

1,500 barrels per day. We will shoot this well as soon as we secure pipe line connections to take care of the increased production.

This company now has over 300 barrels of crude oil "production" per day, bringing 40c per barrel at the wells. We also own a half interest in the biggest gas well in the Boynton Pool. We have five unfinished wells awaiting equipment, four of which will make good wells of from 25 to 100 barrels production each per day when equipped.

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